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SUBJECT: NASA STAION AGREEMENT -- GOMR AMBASSADOR
CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. GOMR AMBASSADOR RAHARIJOANA CALLED ON ASST SECRETARY
NEWSOM NOVEMBER 1.

2. ON SUBJECT OF NASA TRACKING STATION, RAHARIJOANA
SAID HE IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST USG
INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSE IN OCTOBER 7, 1963 AGREEMENT
WHICH SAYS "THE GOMR SHALL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO INSURE
THAT LAND AREAS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY REQUIRED FOR THE STATION
SHALL BE LEASED TO THE USG..." RAHARIJOANA SAID GOMR
IS UNDER IMPRESSION THIS CLAUSE HAS NEVER BEEN IMPL-
MENTED, AND WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH US TO CLARIFY ITS
MEANING. HE SAID HE HOPED TO ESTABLISH THE MODALITIES
FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE CLAUSE DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH
NASA BEGINNING NOVEMBER 7. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT
OBJECTIVE OF CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF THE CLAUSE IS NOT
RELATED TO QUESTION OF RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT ABOUT WHICH
HE IS NOT RPT NOT EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE. HE SAID IT IS
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A MATTER OF INTERPRETING PRESENT AGREEMENT WHICH IS

SEPARATE FROM ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT.

3. MR. NEWSOM THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR INFORMING HIM OF
OBJECTIVE OF UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA, AND INDICATED

WE WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INTERPRETATION.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA
DEPARTED NEW YORK EVENING OCTOBER 31 AFTER FIVE-DAY
STAY, AND IS EXPECTED RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK AFTER
VISIT TO PARIS.

5. SEPTTEL REPORTS DISCUSSION ON RICE. KISSINGER

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